4-H Prepares Michigan’s Children and Youth for the Future!

The Exploration Days Experience 2014

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan State University’s (MSU) largest pre-college program, annually attended by 2,500 youth and adult chaperones from across Michigan. The 2014 conference was held June 18-20 on the Michigan State University campus.

With a theme of, “Unleash Your Inner Scientist” approximately 200 hands-on classroom and field trip sessions were offered and many focused on the science topics.

Calhoun County sent 68 Youth and 10 Adults to participate in this year’s event.

4-H Exploration Days gives youth ages 11 to 19 an authentic collegiate experience as they live in MSU residence halls and explore interest areas and career options, increase their awareness and readiness for college, and develop decision-making, independence and teamwork skills. They also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas.

An exciting part of the Exploration Days experience was the entertainment at the Wharton Center featuring Steve Wolf with “Science in the Movies” a fast-paced, funny presentation of the secret science behind movie stunts and special effects. Fun was had by all Calhoun County participants who attended.
Two MSU Pre-college Scholarships Awarded

Michigan State University recently awarded two $2,000 Pre-college Achievement Scholarships to Calhoun County youth.

Percy Bean III, a 9th grader at Lakeview High School, and Academically Talented Youth Program (ATYP) Dual Enrollment, Lee Honors College at WMU for 2013-14 and Torey Fischer, a 9th grader at Pennfield High School and Battle Creek Area Math & Science Center for 2013-14 who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year were eligible to apply for this award last fall. Percy and Torey both participated in Exploration Days 2013, one of six pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development.

Percy is a 14 year old Freshman currently taking advance placement in Math, high school English 4, and took 1st place at District Band Ensemble 2014.

Torey is a 15 years old and is involved in 4-H through CC Riders and Lucky Stars 4-H Clubs. At Pennfield High School as a Freshman she is on the Equestrian Team, in Track & Field, and in the High School Band.

Congratulations Percy and Torey!
Calendar of Events and Special Points of Interest

For Kettunen Center Events go to:
http://www.kettunencenter.org/
Kettunen Center
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688
Phone: (231) 829-3421
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July 18 - July 20: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
4-H Mentoring Weekend is a three-day workshop for adults and youth who are matched for three months or more in a mentoring program through 4-H and other youth mentoring organizations. Mentoring program staff are also welcome to attend. The weekend offers activities to mentoring matches with a focus on science, outdoor education, healthy living, and meaningful service in order to strengthen the mentoring relationship. Mentors are also provided with structured training that aims to build the mentoring relationship. Support for this workshop is provided by donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

For MSU Pavilion Events go to:
http://www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion/events_calendar

July 18: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
July 17-20: Michigan Livestock Expo
July 21-25: MI Dairy Expo & 4-H Dairy Days

What is Youth Dairy Days?
During Michigan Youth Dairy Days, youth will compete for premiums, ribbons and scholarships in various competitions, including dairy quiz bowls, dairy management contests, dairy cattle judging contests, and the Dairy Days youth show. First- and second-ranked individuals at the junior and senior levels will receive cash awards of $1,000 and $750, respectively. Winners may also go on to represent Michigan in national dairy competitions.

What is Michigan Dairy Expo?
Michigan Dairy Expo is a week-long event that combines youth activities and contests conducted during Youth Dairy Days with purebred dairy breed association youth and open show events. The mission of Michigan Dairy Expo is to encourage and promote youth involvement in dairy activities, showcase the Michigan dairy industry, and provide continuing education opportunities for the dairy industry in Michigan and neighboring states.

August 9: State 4-H Dog Show
This show offers agility, showmanship, obedience and service dog classes. 4-H members aged 9 to 19 can exhibit up to 2 dogs of any breed. Spectators welcome!

August 3: The State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
Entries for this show will not be limited by quota at this time.

August 15-17: State Horse Show

November 8: 39th Annual AutumnFest
Website: http://www.canr.msu.edu/alumni_donors/alumni/autumnfest

July 22-24: Ag Expo
at the outdoor exhibit area at Mount Hope Road and Farm Lane on the Michigan State University campus Ag Expo is Michigan’s largest outdoor agricultural show. With more than 250 vendors, demonstrations, educational sessions, and ride and drive equipment available, there is something for everyone. Admission to the show is free! Open to all. Find out more at: http://www.ageexpo.msu.edu.

July 27 – August 2: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle, MI.

August 9: MI 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
Blue Water Sportsman Club 4866 Ravenswood Rd., Kimball, MI 48074 Contact: Leah Christie, chris483@msu.edu
The event is open to all MI 4-H Shooting Sports Club members ages 9-19 that have been approved by their county 4-H program coordinator to participate. Eight events are offered: 3D Archery, Target Archery, Air Rifle, BB Gun, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader, Trap and Skeet. This state competition is an opportunity for youth 4-H shooting sports members to demonstrate the skills they have learned in various shooting sports disciplines.

August 26: Eaton County 4-H Open House/Science Blast
Eaton County Fairgrounds Kardel Hall 1025 S Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813
The Eaton County 4-H program will be hosting the open house and Science Blast to help more people discover the variety of Eaton County 4-H Clubs and have fun with science at the same time. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with Science Blast Stations and general information about 4-H. Science Blast stations will continue until 8:30 pm. For more information, please contact Christine Heverly, Eaton County 4-H Program Coordinator at the Eaton County MSU Extension office (517) 543-2310 or sisunegch@anr.msu.edu.

September 28 - October 2: 2014 National Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
Register by August 6

Legend of 4-H Award Nominations Sought
Nominations are being sought for the 14th annual "Legend of 4-H Award" sponsored by the late Harold Thomas. This award has a deadline of July 1, 2014 and the recipient will be recognized after the 4-H Show of Champs during the Calhoun County Fair. Past recipients were Bonnie Bole, Bruce Brooker, Mike & Jennette Flynn, Virginia Furu, James Holt, Sandy Howard, Bessie Ivey, Vera Laing, Marilyn Letts, Doris Locke, Shirley & Grant Myers, Wayne & Carol Peck, Paul & Donna Woods, Jim & Carolyn Hamilton, Arnold Rocco, Randy & Cathy Combs, Sue & Bill Powell and Winifred Lautzenheiser.

The "Legend of 4-H Award" recognizes Calhoun County 4-H leaders who have made a significant, long-term contribution of unselfish dedication and service to Calhoun County 4-H and leaders who have served Calhoun County 4-H for 10 or more years. Nominations will be reviewed by the Calhoun County 4-H Council. One or two recipients per year will be selected to receive the "Legend of 4-H Award."

Submit a letter of nomination that includes your name, address and phone number and your nominee’s name, address and phone number. In your letter, describe why your nominee should receive this award. Include details such as number of years s/he has been in 4-H; clubs, project areas and activities in which s/he was involved; achievements and recognition received; and ways s/he has unselfishly contributed to youth development, mentoring, positive role modeling and 4-H. Be as specific as possible. Anyone may make a nomination.
2014 Exhibition Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

Exhibitors at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with all of the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Michigan relating to animal health outlined in Act No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended, the Animal Industry Act, and rules promulgated for the implementation and enforcement of the act.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development has revised the Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan. To get full updates go to: http://www.michigan.gov/mdard

RELAY FOR LIFE  Join the fight against cancer!!

Relay for LIFE is scheduled for July 18 & 19 at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

Each person has their own reason to Relay - some are more personal than others - but everyone has an opportunity to fight back. Learn how you can fight back through the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life. Our efforts are helping create a world with less cancer and more birthdays!

Our 4-H team theme this year is: “Candy Land” and the Slogan is “Delicious Race for a Cure”. The Survivor Lap will be during the Opening Ceremony which starts at 6:00 pm on Friday night. Cloverbud’s will have lots to do this year on Saturday, July 19 from 10 to 11 am. To sign up to walk or donate books, call Team Captain, Heidi Strunk 269-420-9445.

We still are in NEED of walkers from 4-H clubs. Walkers will be able to buy a ribbon and add a lap bead for free every time they go around.

If anyone would like to donate money, buy a “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” Luminary or if anyone would like to walk, join our team or has any questions, they can contact Team Captain: Heidi Strunk at: (269)420-9445.

Webpage: http://www.relayforlife.org/


~ CELEBRATE ~

~ REMEMBER ~

~FIGHT BACK ~

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